The Cleveland Museum of Art Announces 2023 Solstice Artist Lineup

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Cleveland’s signature event brings art to life with international music, local artists and dramatic visual displays

CLEVELAND (May 8, 2023)—Celebrate long summer days and hot summer nights at the Cleveland Museum of Art’s (CMA) 13th annual Solstice— June 24 — night when art and music come together. Solstice features live music by artists from around the world, and the museum is excited to announce that this year’s lineup includes OKAN (Cuba/Toronto), the Bazurto All Stars (Colombia), La Sra. Tomasa (Spain) and GoldFish (South Africa). In

addition, Sanctuary, one of Cleveland's favorite dance parties, will showcase DJ Red-I, DJ Nuera, DJ Mark Who? and DJ Selecta for an unforgettable evening of mixing, mingling, dancing and fun.

"Solstice is a night like no other," said Gabe Pollack, director of performing arts. "Energizing music from four continents and incredible visual displays will electrify the museum at the party of the year."

This iconic event will stage performances on the south terrace, where spectacular art will be projected on the CMA's exterior, as well as in the Ames Family Atrium, where 3-D illuminated lanterns designed by Inflatabill will be suspended from the ceiling.

Food and beverages, included in the ticket price, will be available both indoors and out. The galleries will stay open late into the night with flash talks by museum staff, providing intriguing insights into the CMA's world-class collection.

Members receive exclusive access to presale tickets beginning Monday, May 15, at 10 a.m. The presale continues until tickets have sold out or until 5 p.m. If available, tickets for the public go on sale Tuesday, May 16, at 10 a.m.

South Terrace Lineup

7 to 8 p.m.: OKAN

8:15 to 9:15 p.m.: The Bazurto All Stars

9:30 to 10:30 p.m.: La Sra. Tomasa

10:45 p.m. to 12 a.m.: GoldFish

9:30 p.m. to 12 a.m.: Kevin Jackson Projection Mapping

Ames Family Atrium Lineup

7 p.m. to 12 a.m.: Sanctuary

7 p.m. to 12 a.m.: Inflatabill Art Installation

Click here to listen to a Spotify playlist organized in order of the performance schedule.

2023 Artists

OKAN

Blending traditional Cuban music, jazz and contemporary Afro-Cuban sounds, OKAN embraces every culture and welcomes it as its own. In the religion of Santería, "okan" means "soul." This is embodied in the great sophistication of the group's music—a look to

the history of Cuban music with a modern and fresh touch, the evolution of Cuban music outside Cuba. Groove to global rhythms and powerful songs about immigration, identity, resistance and love.

The Bazurto All Stars

The Bazurto All Stars formed in 2009 in the heart of Cartagena, Colombia, in the Bazurto Market, amid the myriad colors, sounds and smells of that epicenter of Caribbean and African culture. The group is known as a pure party machine and the best Champeta band in Colombia, whose seven musicians put on an unrivaled stage show with contagious energy and dancing. The band has won the prestigious Congo de Oro award multiple times and has produced numerous number-one radio hits across Colombia.

La Sra. Tomasa

Barcelona-based La Sra. Tomasa offers a fusion of Latin-flavored music—ranging from funk, reggae and hip-hop to trap and drum 'n' bass—respecting Latin musical traditions and infusing them with fresh new urban influences and electronic sounds. This explosive mix is what has helped the band build a rapidly growing international fan base.

GoldFish

This year's Solstice headliner is GoldFish! An electronic duo from Cape Town, South Africa, GoldFish has gone from one of dance music's best-kept secrets to leading exponents of the live electronic music scene. The duo's pioneering mix of saxophones, flute, double bass, keyboards and pounding house beats has touched a nerve with audiences across the world, leading to their tagline, "Reinventing the DJs." A consistent string of chart-topping hits—and a live show that has seen countless festival appearances, from Coachella to Glastonbury—has helped GoldFish become one of the most enduring and influential groups in live electronic music.

Sanctuary

Founded by Mark Mathews and Daniel Gray-Kontar, Sanctuary was one of Cleveland's best dance parties every first Saturday at Touch Supper Club. The stellar event hosted DJs from around the nation, pairing local musicians with international artists to bring a mixture of soul and dance music from around the world to Northeast Ohio. Sanctuary makes an epic return at Solstice featuring cofounder Mark Mathews (DJ Mark Who?), DJ Nuera and DJ Red-I. Pittsburgh-based DJ Selecta, a Sanctuary favorite, will headline. A pioneer of the Pittsburgh DJ and hip-hop scenes since the late 1980s, James Scoglietti, better known simply as DJ Selecta, has supported many international touring artists, such as De La Soul, the Pharcyde, the Roots, Rakim, KRS-One and countless other luminaries.

Kevin Jackson Projection Mapping

The CMA comes alive with projection mapping from Cleveland artist Kevin Jackson, a forward-thinking visual artist specializing in unique projection-mapping installations. Jackson has produced one-of-a-kind visuals for TOBACCO, for Black Moth Super Rainbow and at the Super Bowl, and he is consistently hired by internationally renowned DJs and festivals. At Solstice, he will be creating visual displays inspired by the museum's art collection and the music of the performers.

Inflatabill

Bill Kennedy, commonly known as Inflatabill, is an artist and designer based in the San Francisco Bay Area who specializes in creating giant inflatable luminaries that transform everyday spaces into the extraordinary. Using his parachute-sewing skills, Inflatabill hand designs, cuts, sews and installs unique, high-quality inflatable works of colored and lit art.

Ticket information

Tickets are $150 and cover admission and unlimited food and beverages, including beer, wine and canned cocktails. This event is for guests 21 and older.

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Solstice will take place as scheduled, rain or shine. Umbrellas are not permitted inside the event.